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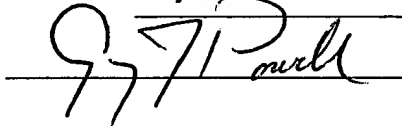
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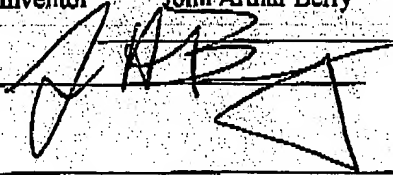
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is attached hereto.  
X was filed on 12/27/2001 as Application Serial No. 09/683,425  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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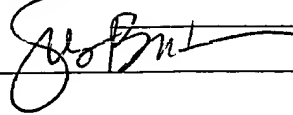
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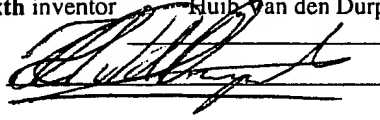
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